

Lisa C. Merkel

Biography

Lisa C. Merkel, a resident of Herndon since 2002 and a resident of Northern Virginia since 1996, is serving her first term on the Herndon Town Council.

Merkel has participated in the Citizen's Planning Academy and the Downtown Master Plan Citizens Advisory Group, both in 2009. Also in 2009, she was appointed by Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust to represent the Town of Herndon on the Dranesville District Area Plans Review Task Force, a group that reviewed the proposed development surrounding the Route 28 Metro Site and its future impact on the town.

Merkel is active with the Council for the Arts of Herndon; the Herndon Historical Society; Sister Cities International of the Herndon Area, Inc.; and the Herndon Homes Tour Committee.

A mother of two young children, Merkel had been employed from 1996 until 2004 by Fairfax County Public Schools as a classroom teacher, reading specialist and staff developer. Her classroom strategies have been featured in two professional books, *"Shared Reading for Today's Classroom"* and *"Catching Readers Before They Fall."*

Merkel holds a BS in Education from Auburn University and an MS in Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech. She and her husband, Dave, are raising their family in a circa 1895 farmhouse in Herndon's historic downtown.